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New Rail Line from Raipur to Jharsuguda
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the surveys conducted in regard to laying of new railway line from Raipur to Jharsuguda via Baulada Bazar from Bhatgaon Sarang Garh (310 Km.) and Gewra road to Champa via Hardi Bazar from Pantora and Champa to Ambikapur via Korba Dharam Jaigarh stretches;

(b) the time by which the survey work of the said railway line is likely to be completed and sanction to the said projects is likely to be granted; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to grant approval to new railway lines for which survey work has been completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Present status of surveys conducted to laying of three new railway lines as mentioned is as under:-
i) Raipur-Jharsuguda via Baulada Bazar (310 km): An updating survey was completed in 2010-11 and cost for this 310 km long new line was assessed as `2161 crore. Thereafter, this project was included in Railway Budget 2013-14 subject to obtaining of requisite clearances from Niti Aayog and Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs(CCEA). 'In Principle' approval of Niti Aayog was sought but proposal returned with certain clarifications. Accordingly, Governments of Odisha and Chhattisgarh were requested in April,2013 for sharing 50% of project cost and providing land free of cost but no response from the State Governments has been received.
ii)Belgahna(Pendra)-Gevra Road-Hardibazar-Pantora-Pahariya-Champa(112 km): A Reconnaissance Engineering Cum Traffic Survey (RETS) work for laying of new line with a cost of `1274 crore has been completed in 2016-17.
iii)Champa-Korba-Dharamjaigarh-Pathalgaon-Ambikapur(200 km): A Reconnaissance Engineering Cum Traffic Survey (RETS) work for laying of new line was included in Budget 2012-13. The survey has been dropped as it is covered in new line survey from Korba-Lohardaga & Ambikapur-Jharsuguda via Batauli, Sitapur, Pathalgaon, Korba. Cost of 326 km long new line from Korba-Lohardaga was assessed as `2444 crore, Rate of Return is (-)7.37% in 2010-11. Also cost of 212 km long new line from Ambikapur to Jharsuguda via Batauli, Sitapur, Pathalgaon, Korba was assessed as `2542 crore. These surveys have been completed and could not be taken forward due to its un-remunerative nature.
(c): Taking up of survey does not necessarily mean that the project will be sanctioned. Depending upon the outcome of the survey, decision whether to sanction a project is taken up on the basis of its remunerativeness, throwforward of ongoing projects, availability of funds and competing priorities.
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